An Oregon forestry legend passes
Lisa Gibson

A man whose work still connects people with Oregon forests passed away this June. Hugh Hayes was a draftsman, illustrator, and visual storyteller who worked for the Oregon Department of Forestry for 31 years. Hayes' iconic images are still well known by many, despite the fact that he retired back in 1977! In Hayes' comical portrayals, you can see flames with legs, beavers that grin, and many depictions of Smokey Bear. Among his best known works are the “Keep Oregon Green” placemats found in restaurants for many years, an abundance of clever safety posters with wildfire prevention messages, and his illustrations of the book, “Trees to Know in Oregon.”

Hugh Hayes’ work continues to leave a lasting impression with all those who see it. State Forester, Doug Decker, said of Hayes, “Hugh was one-of-a-kind: an incredibly disciplined and talented artist, a self-taught draftsman, a de-facto engineer and forester. His sense of humor and love of Oregon history and forests came through in his art to connect people to forests and to remind them about fire safety. He was Oregon’s popular-art visual story teller.” The public can still experience Hayes’ ability to amuse, educate, and delight in an exhibit that displays his range of talents.

The Tillamook Forest Center is remembering Hugh Hayes with a special exhibit dedicated to his work. This fall, view the Hugh Hayes exhibit through the end of November. Visit our web site at: www.tillamookforestcenter.org for more details on these events.

Visit the center through October and November and enjoy an exhibit of Hugh Hayes art. Items will be available for sale in the gift shop.
From the Director

Do you know how to tell a Douglas-fir from a grand fir? Join us for a “Trees of the Tillamook” forest walk and find out. Here at the Tillamook Forest Center we offer a great assortment of natural and cultural history programs that are free, family-orientated and fun!

This year we made history as we saw the largest turnout for our public programs thanks to a commitment by our staff to offer more daily events. The response was impressive and for the first time over 1,000 people took part in public programs in just one month (July). The accomplishment could not have been achieved without a total team effort from the center staff, including seasonal staff and summer interns.

This fall, we look forward to continuing the trend and plan to offer some exciting new programs including “Tillamook Tales,” geared towards families with children ages 3-6. In addition, some of our popular events will be happening again this year, including Mysterious Mushrooms, a fall salmon release, and our holiday wreath making event in November (see the Program Calendar on page 6). We hope your next trip through the Coast Range will include a stop here at the Tillamook Forest Center to learn more about this unique part of Oregon. Next time someone asks you “what kind of tree is this?” you can proudly show them the pointy buds and say “that’s a Douglas-fir, Oregon’s state tree.”

Larry Berrin, Director

Grab your rain gear and get on out here!

Join us to experience one of the best kept secrets of the Tillamook State Forest; wildlife viewing in the fall! With the autumn leaves off the branches, it is easier to spot bald eagles and other critters gobbling up what they can before winter arrives. As the refreshing rain refills waterways, the river is rising and we are already starting to see the salmon returning in the Wilson River. Before you settle in to your own winter nest, join us for some guaranteed wildlife viewing at our annual November salmon release. Over the next several weeks, watch our Facebook page to follow the growth of our salmon eggs into fry. Once they are large enough to survive on their own, join us to release them into Jones Creek (we’re estimating November 16th and 17th). Make sure you save the date for this important event!
The Tillamook Forest Center appreciates your support

Your gifts make a difference
If you have enjoyed or been touched by a program, exhibit or special moment at the Tillamook Forest Center and want to make sure the center can continue to provide excellent forest education opportunities, please consider offering your financial support. One hundred percent of all gifts go directly to education programs and activities at the center. Here is a menu of possible donation ideas...every gift counts.

Donor Trees: A great gift idea...
The Trust invites you to show your support for the Tillamook Forest Center by “planting your tree” in a unique forest landscape sculpture located in the center’s entry plaza. In recognition of your $75 gift, your name or the name of the person you honor or memorialize will be engraved on a tree medallion which will be set against the forest backdrop created by the sculpture (order forms are available online at www.tillamookforestcenter.org/about_04-1.html).

Trailside benches available for sponsorship...
Made from Douglas-fir trees grown in the Tillamook State Forest, these benches provide visitors a moment to pause, rest and reflect with views to the Wilson River and the surrounding forest. An attractive brass plaque is inset into the back of the bench and can be used to honor or memorialize individuals or organizations. A limited number of rustic benches are available for a sponsorship gift at the $2,500 level.

Consider a planned gift....
A charitable gift may play a part in your overall estate plan. The Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust’s experienced team is pleased to work with donors on life income gift plans, such as charitable remainder trusts, or estate gifts and bequests. Our team can also assist with charitable gifts of specialty assets.

Cultural Trust partner means tax credit...
Keep in mind that the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust is a qualified partner in the Oregon Cultural Trust, an innovative and widely-supported program for strengthening and preserving Oregon's arts, heritage and culture. Gifts to the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust, made in concert with a gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust, qualify you for a tax deduction for both gifts and a tax credit, all while supporting important work related to our state’s culture and arts.

For more information on making a gift, contact the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust at (503) 815-6800.

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Enclosed is $ _______ for _______ tree(s) @$75 per tree
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All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Donor trees are available on a first-come basis. If requesting more than one tree, please make photocopies of this form.

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On the frontlines of wildfire
Scott Kryskalla

While many Oregonians recognize the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) for managing the lush green canopies of state forest lands, many would be surprised to learn that ODF also protects 16 million acres of Oregon's forests from wildfire.

When the Oregon Department of Forestry was created in 1911, the organization's sole purpose was to fight wildfires. Over the past 102 years, ODF has held true to its original mission in addition to managing over 800,000 acres of state forest land and assisting private landowners. In 2013, a combination of extremely dry weather, hot sunny days and frequent lighting storms led to one of Oregon's most active fire seasons in many years. ODF and its contract crews were swift in reacting to the wildfires and sent thousands of women and men to combat the blazes.

Here at the Tillamook Forest Center (TFC), a few of our own staff members were recruited to join the fire protection effort. The first TFC staff member sent to aid the firefighting crews was Denise Berkshire. While many were in the midst of the wild inferno, Denise worked behind the scenes as a food unit leader—fighting the fire by feeding thousands of firefighters. Chris Friend was the TFC's second member to be called for fire duty. Chris assisted the fire crews as a public information officer, who coordinated and communicated information between fire staff, the media, and the public. Next up was Darryl Anderson who worked in the fire cache managing all of the supplies needed to get the job done.

We are very proud of Denise, Chris, Darryl and all the other members of the firefighting community who helped tame the wildfires during this hectic fire season. Thanks to these brave men and women, the forests of Oregon will remain green and beautiful.
Naturalist Notes
Carrie Black (with drawings by Scott Kryskalla)

July 18: A young visitor at my Water Wonders program caught a Pacific tree frog! All the kids gathered around to see the tiny frog before we released it back into the wild.

July 24: Lauren and Denise spotted a pileated woodpecker hopping around on a Douglas-fir branch. Very neat!

July 26: A family of hikers helped me identify Smith’s fairybells and Hooker’s fairybells; these wildflowers are in the lily family, and the berries of both are a bright yellow-orange.

August 1: A Swainson’s thrush is sitting on her nest, only five feet off the ground. These birds build nests out of grasses, moss, & sticks, in shrubs & small trees.

August 4: The yummy summer berries are starting to disappear. The birds & chipmunks are finishing the thimbleberries & the red huckleberries. I found one lone trailing blackberry, probably the last of the season.

August 9: Scott discovered a beautiful black dragonfly perched on the lookout tower this morning. We have yet to determine the species.

August 10: Orchids in the parking lot! We found a tall, western ladies’ tresses, *Spiranthes*, which is Greek for “coiled flowers.”

A nature riddle: What kind of room has no windows or doors? (Answer on page 6)

September Nature Nugget: “Ants and termite colonies produce winged adults only once a year, and for many species this happens during September, often just after rain.”

October Nature Nugget: “Fall is spider time and fall ‘ballooning’ takes place.” What is fall ballooning? Join us at the Fall Forest Festival to learn about this and much more on October 26 & 27!

Nature nuggets from the Seasonal Guide to the Natural Year by James Luther Davis.
Nature riddle answer (from page 5): Why a mushroom of course.
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Please Note!
Fall hours began September 9.
We are currently OPEN
Wednesday through Sunday,
10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
The center will be CLOSED on
November 28 for Thanksgiving.
The center CLOSES for the season
December 2 and will REOPEN March 2014

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Important DATES!

Save the dates!

Hugh Hayes Art Exhibit
October – November

New! Tillamook Tales Story Time
October 12 & November 9 (2nd Saturdays)

Fall Forest Festival
Saturday, October 26 & Sunday, October 27

Holiday Wreath Making
Nov 29, 30 & Dec 1 (registration required)

Check our website for
upcoming program &
event details!

Watch our facebook page to
see our tiny fish grow up
and when you can help us
release them!

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